

CHAPTER 5

CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

Introduction

This chapter describes the public participation opportunities made available through the development of this Draft Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (RMP/EIS). This chapter also describes the consultation that occurred and collaborative efforts with the State of Montana; Blaine, Chouteau, Fergus and Phillips Counties; and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. A distribution list identifies the governmental agencies, congressional staff, businesses and organizations that received a copy of the Draft RMP/EIS.

The Draft RMP/EIS was prepared by an interdisciplinary team of resource specialists, identified at the end of this chapter, from the Lewistown Field Office, Great Falls Oil and Gas Field Station, Havre Field Station, Malta Field Office, and the Montana State Office. The economic analysis was provided through a contract with Northwest Economic Associates. Technical review and support were provided by field office and state office staffs in Montana.

The State of Montana and Blaine, Chouteau, Fergus, and Phillips Counties participated in development of the Draft RMP/EIS as cooperating agencies. The Central Montana Resource Advisory Council also participated, and a discussion of their involvement is included later in this chapter.

Members of the planning team have consulted formally and informally with numerous agencies, groups and individuals during the preparation of this document. Consultation, coordination, and public involvement occurred as a result of scoping and alternative development meetings, briefings and meetings with federal, state, tribal, and local government representatives, informal meetings and individual contacts.

Public Participation Opportunities

The major public participation events, scoping and alternative development are described below. Table 5.1 located at the end of this section contains a list of public involvement opportunities which occurred as the Draft RMP/EIS was developed.

Scoping

The scoping process identifies land use issues, conflicts, and opportunities. These issues may stem from new information or changed circumstances, the need to address environmental protection concerns, or a need to reassess the appropriate mix of allowable uses based on new information.

Scoping is the first stage of the planning process and closely involves the public with identifying issues, providing resource and other information, and developing planning criteria to guide preparation of the document.

A Notice of Intent to prepare the Draft RMP/EIS for the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument (Monument) was published in the Federal Register on April 24, 2002. This notice served as the beginning of BLM's formal scoping process.

The notice was followed by news releases in April and June, updates to the public (mailing list) in May and June, a newsletter in June, and a newspaper-type handout in July. All of these tools conveyed information about the planning process, scoping open houses, potential issues, and questions/answers about the Monument.

To provide ample opportunities for public participation across northcentral Montana, the BLM hosted 11 scoping open houses in July and August 2002. Over 320 people attended the open houses in:

July 8	Winifred	July 17	Cleveland
July 9	Lewistown	July 18	Malta
July 10	Big Sandy	July 22	Hays
July 11	Fort Benton	August 5	Great Falls
July 15	Havre	August 6	Billings
July 16	Chinook		

The BLM received 5,700 scoping comments, of which 5,300 were submitted electronically. Ten identified form letters or organized campaign form letters resulted in 5,100 of the total scoping comments. Scoping comments came from all 50 states, Puerto Rico, five Canadian provinces, and several foreign countries.

All scoping comments were read and 1,766 specific comments were coded into 31 subject categories and 55 subcategories. These categories are guidance-based resource sections for an RMP (Washington Office IB No. 2002-056), and the subcategories are based on the comments

received. Most of the coded comment letters contained several specific comments covering various categories. All 1,766 specific comments were entered into a database and organized by category and subcategory in a 123-page comment summary. The Scoping Comment Summary is available by contacting the Lewistown Field Office.

Alternative Development Workshops

In July 2003, as part of a continuing effort to invite public participation in planning for the Monument, a newsletter was available that included the Overall Vision and Management Goals for the Monument and a request for public comments on the Vision and Goals and ideas for the alternatives. The BLM also held 11 alternative development workshops during July in the same communities where the scoping open houses were held the previous year:

July 14	Winifred	July 23	Cleveland
July 15	Lewistown	July 24	Malta
July 16	Big Sandy	July 28	Hays
July 17	Fort Benton	July 29	Great Falls
July 21	Havre	July 30	Billings
July 22	Chinook		

About 350 people attended these alternative development workshops, and by year end, the public provided 7,167 comments, including seven identified form letters or organized campaign forms (6,237 letters/emails).

All comments were read and 2,647 specific comments were identified and coded into 64 subject categories and subcategories. The Alternative Development Comment Summary is available by contacting the Lewistown Field Office.

Scoping and Alternative Development for the 12 West HiLine Oil and Gas Leases

The Draft RMP/EIS includes an analysis of 12 existing natural gas leases in the Monument. The analysis of these leases is part of the comprehensive plan for the Monument.

The BLM's decision to examine these leases is the result of a Montana Federal District Court ruling involving a suit that alleged the agency did not fully comply with the National Environmental Policy Act, the Endangered Species Act, and the National Historic Preservation Act when 3 of the 12 leases were awarded in 1999. The 3 leases involved in the suit were based on analysis in the West HiLine RMP. The ruling ordered the BLM to prepare an environmental impact statement for the oil and gas leasing program that covers the 3 leases. An additional 9 leases in the Monument

are also based on the West HiLine RMP, and the BLM felt it would be most efficient to analyze all 12 of the leases in this RMP/EIS.

The first step in the oil and gas lease analysis was scoping this new issue with the public, which began with a news release and update to the mailing list (email/regular) in September 2004 to explain the issue. This was followed in October with news releases and a newsletter to the mailing list which included information about the natural gas leasing issue, frequently asked questions/answers, and a request for public comment on the development of alternatives for inclusion in the RMP/EIS.

To provide opportunities for public participation, the BLM held six public meetings in November 2004:

November 8	Winifred
November 9	Lewistown
November 10	Great Falls
November 15	Chinook
November 16	Fort Belknap
November 17	Billings

The format of the public meetings was informational, and the public visited with BLM resource specialists at four stations and participated in question/answer sessions. The intent was to provide enough information about the leases for the public to provide written comments on the development of alternatives. About 60 people attended these public meetings.

Since the public meetings were informational, questions and concerns were not formally recorded by the BLM; however, a comment form was provided and the public was encouraged to submit written comments at the conclusion of the meeting or by December 15, 2004.

A total of 5,700 letters, emails, and comment forms were received on this issue, of which 5,571 were a variation of two form letters/emails. Like the previous scoping and alternative development public comment processes, some letters/emails were as brief as a few sentences; others were several pages long. Some offered specific comments on alternatives, while others conveyed a want or an opinion. They all expressed an interest in the management of BLM land in the Monument.

All public comments on the oil and gas leasing issue were read and 449 specific comments were identified and coded into 30 subject categories. The Oil and Gas Leases Scoping Report is available by contacting the Lewistown Field Office.

Table 5.1 Public Involvement Opportunities	
<i>Date</i>	<i>Opportunity</i>
February 2002	Gateway Communities Workshop, Lewistown
March 2002	Update sent to mailing list
April 2002	Notice of Intent published in the Federal Register
April 2002	News release issued
May 2002	Update sent to mailing list
June 2002	Update sent to mailing list
June 2002	Newsletter to mailing list
June and August 2002	Invitation sent to state, local and tribal governments to partner as cooperating agencies
July and August 2002	Public scoping meetings held in 11 communities
July 2002	Briefings with Blaine, Chouteau, Fergus and Phillips County Commissioners on the planning process
August 2002	Update sent to mailing list
November 2002	Update sent to mailing list
December 2002	Community Based Partnership Workshop held in Lewistown
January 2003	Newsletter sent to mailing list
February 2003	Economic Profile Workshop held in Lewistown
June 2003	News release issued; update and newsletter sent to mailing list
July 2003	Alternative development workshops held in 11 communities
February 2004	Update sent to mailing list
June 2004	Update sent to mailing list
September 2004	News release issued; update sent to mailing list
October 2004	Two news releases issued; newsletter sent to mailing list
November 2004	Oil and gas leasing public meetings in six communities
March 2005	Update sent to mailing list

Consultation and Coordination

Tribal Consultation

In accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act and in recognition of the government-to-government relationship between tribes and the federal government, letters were sent to tribal governments and officials at the start of the planning process to inform them of the upcoming Monument RMP and an opportunity to partner with the BLM as a cooperating agency. While no tribes became an official cooperating agency, coordination has continued through letters, updates, and meetings which are listed below. The opportunity for additional meetings will occur with the Draft RMP/EIS.

March 2004	Fort Belknap Community Council
April 2004	Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Nation
May 2004	Blackfeet Tribal Council
June 2004	White Clay Society
June 2004	Chippewa-Cree Cultural Advisory Committee
July 2004	Blackfeet Tribal Council

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Consultation

Federal agencies are required to comply with provisions of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. This includes a requirement to consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) on any action that may affect species listed as threatened and endangered or result in

destruction or adverse modification of habitat designated as critical for listed species. In addition, federal agencies must confer with the USFWS on any action that is likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any species proposed to be listed or any action that may result in the destruction or adverse modification of critical habitat proposed to be designated for listed species.

Contacts were made with the USFWS early in the planning process, and early drafts of alternatives were provided for discussion. An initial list of federally listed threatened or endangered plant, animals, or fish species or habitats present in the planning area was requested on December 2, 2003, with an update received on June 3, 2005. Three federally listed threatened wildlife species and two endangered species either occur in the Monument or use habitat found within the Monument. These include pallid sturgeon (endangered), bald eagle (threatened), black-footed ferret (endangered/experimental non-essential), Canada lynx (threatened), and piping plover (threatened). Informal meetings were held with the USFWS to discuss issues and alternatives and the USFWS participated during interdisciplinary team meetings. A draft biological assessment evaluating the impacts of the preferred alternative on federal threatened and endangered species will be submitted to the USFWS concurrently with the public release of this document. The proposed RMP and final EIS will include the final biological assessment and resulting USFWS biological opinion. Consultation with the USFWS will continue throughout the RMP process.

Central Montana Resource Advisory Council

In 1999, the Central Montana Resource Advisory Council (RAC) established the Upper Missouri River RAC Subgroup to analyze the recreational activities on the Upper Missouri National Wild and Scenic River (UMNWSR) and to make recommendations to the RAC concerning future management opportunities for the river. Over the course of 3 1/2 years, the subgroup worked with the BLM and the University of Montana to generate high quality information concerning visitor expectations, resource conditions, and the potential to align recreation use with the objectives of landowners, residents, and businesses in the area. In January and March 2002, the subgroup presented a series of recommendations concerning a variety of people management issues on the UMNWSR, and many of the recommendations were approved by the RAC (RAC 2002a, 2002b). The subgroup translated its prior work into ideas that could be incorporated in the RMP and presented their recommendations in a May 2003 report to the RAC (RAC 2003).

The RAC continued to be involved in the preparation of the RMP/EIS. RAC members attended the scoping open houses

in July and August 2002, to listen to the public discussions with resource specialists concerning issues related to managing the Monument. In July 2003, the RAC assisted the BLM by facilitating a public discussion on management opportunities during a series of alternative development workshops. The RAC appointed members to attend and participate in the monthly interdisciplinary team meetings. In February, April, June, September, and December 2004, the RAC reviewed the preliminary alternative for the Draft RMP/EIS and provided recommendations to the BLM. Their participation will continue during the review of the Draft RMP/EIS.

Cooperating Agencies

In the summer of 2002, the BLM invited state, local and tribal governments to partner in a cooperating agency relationship for developing the RMP/EIS. The State of Montana and Blaine, Chouteau, Fergus and Phillips Counties are cooperating agencies in all phases of its preparation, with BLM acting as the lead agency.

The State of Montana is a cooperating agency in this planning process, guided by a February 2003 memorandum of understanding. The State of Montana has been represented on the interdisciplinary planning team through a representative designated by the Governor.

Blaine, Chouteau, Fergus, and Phillips Counties are cooperating agencies in this planning process, guided by memorandums of understanding established in November 2002. Fergus and Blaine Counties have been represented on the interdisciplinary planning team while Chouteau and Phillips County have relied on Fergus County for their involvement on the planning team.

Plan Distribution

Since initial scoping, the BLM has maintained a mailing list (regular and email) of individuals, businesses, organizations, and federal, state, tribal, and local government representatives interested in development of the Monument RMP. In an effort to reduce printing and mailing costs, notices were sent to individuals, businesses, and organizations on the mailing list in July 2005, requesting confirmation of their preference to remain on or to be deleted from the mailing list, along with options for viewing the Draft RMP/EIS.

The Draft RMP/EIS is available on the BLM web site at http://www.blm.gov/nhp/spotlight/state_info/planning.htm and is available for public review at the following locations: Montana State Office (Billings, Montana), Great Falls Oil and Gas Field Station (Great Falls, Montana), and Lewistown Field Office (Lewistown, Montana).

Printed copies of the document have been distributed to the government agencies, business, and organizations listed below. The Draft RMP/EIS, either on CD or in printed format, was also mailed to individuals who requested a copy.

Federal Government

Nez Perce Nat'l Historic Trail/Bear Paw Battlefield
US Army Corps of Engineers - Omaha District
US Dept Energy - Office of Environmental Mgmt
US Dept of Justice
US Environmental Protection Agency
US Fish and Wildlife Service
US Geological Survey
USDA Farm Service Agency
USDA Forest Service
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
USDI Bureau of Indian Affairs
USDI Bureau of Land Management
USDI Bureau of Reclamation
USDI CMR National Wildlife Refuge
USDI Field Solicitor's Office
USDI National Park Service

State Government

Colorado State Forest Service
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
Montana Aeronautics Division
Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology
Montana Dept Environmental Quality
Montana Dept Nat Resources & Conservation
Montana Dept of Transportation
Montana Environmental Quality Council
Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks
Montana Governor Brian Schweitzer
Montana Office of Indian Affairs
Montana Office of the Lieutenant Governor
Montana Public Service Commission
Montana State Historic Preservation Office
Montana Travel Montana
North Dakota Public Service Commission
Wyoming Public Service Commission

County/Local Government

Blaine County Commission
Blaine County Conservation District
Blaine County Extension Service
Blaine County Library
Blaine County Sheriff
Cascade County Conservation District
Chouteau County Commission
Chouteau County Conservation District
Chouteau County Extension Service
Chouteau County Planner

Chouteau County Sheriff
City of Chinook Mayor
City of Fort Benton
City of Havre Mayor
City of Malta Mayor
Fergus County Commission
Fergus County Extension Service
Fergus County Planner
Fergus County Sheriff
Havre Public Library
Hill County Commission
Lewistown City Manager
Lewistown City Planner
Lewistown Public Library
Petroleum County Commission
Phillips County Commission
Phillips County Extension Office
Phillips County Library
Phillips County Sheriff
Phillips County Supt of Schools
Valley County Commission
Winifred Public Schools
Winifred Rural Fire Dept

Tribal Government

Blackfeet Cultural Program
Blackfeet Planning & Development
Blackfeet Tribal Council
Buffalo Chasers Society
Chippewa-Cree Business Committee
Chippewa-Cree Cultural Committee
Chippewa-Cree Tribal Council
Chippewa-Cree Tribal Office
Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes
Crow Tribal Council
Crow Tribal Cultural Affairs Dept
Fort Belknap Environmental Protection Office
Fort Belknap Indian Community Council
Fort Belknap Tribal Planning Department
Fort Hall Reservation
Fort Peck Tribal Water Office
Fort Peck Tribes
Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of MT
Northern Cheyenne Cultural Committee
Northern Cheyenne Tribe
Rocky Boy's Natural Resources Department
Three Affiliated Tribes of Fort Berthold Reservation
Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians
White Clay Society
Wind River Reservation

Congressional

Congressman Denny Rehberg
Senator Max Baucus
Senator Conrad Burns

Businesses

3 Rivers Canoes
5B OG Company Inc
ABN Ranch
Adventure Bound Canoe & Shuttle Company
Anchor Ranch
Arco Oil & Gas Company
Armells Creek Outfitting
Arnaud Outfitting
Aspen Youth Alternatives
Bailey Land and Livestock
Baker OG Development LLC
Ballard & Associates Inc
Bar OK Ranch - Fairfield Textiles
Barnard Brothers
Barnard Energy LLC
Bear Paw Development Corp
Bear Paw Energy Inc
Bear Paw Mountain Outfitters
Big Flat Electric Cooperative Inc
Billings Rod & Gun Club
Black Hawk Resources
Black Ranch Inc
Blazek Brothers Inc
Blue Ribbon Flies
Borderline Outfitters
Britt Minerals Inc
Brown and Darlington
Canoe Montana/Montana River Expeditions
Casino Creek Concrete
Chase Hill Outfitters
Choctaw II OGLTD
Coppedge Ranch Inc
Cow Creek Outfitters
Dale & Shirley Robertson Shuttles
Derks Bros Grain & Cattle Inc
Devon Louisiana Corp
Dickinson Ranch
E-7 Grain & Livestock
Eagle Butte Farm Inc
Eightmile Bench Farm
Elenburg Exploration Inc
Encana Energy Resources Inc
Encore Operating
Ensign Operating Company
Entranco Inc
Eric H Nelson Attorney at Law
Evers Ranch Corporation
Explorations Inc
Express Pipeline Partnership
Faber Ranch Inc
Faith Drilling Inc
Faunawest Wildlife Consultants
Fergus Electric Cooperative Inc
Fidelity Exploration & Production Company
First Trust Co of Montana

Florentine Films
Gasvoda and Sons
Gasvoda Bros Livestock
Glacier Sea Kayaking
Good Ridge Resources Inc
Gough Shanahan Johnson & Waterman
Graig Intl Inc
Great Northern Boot Co
Hamilton Res Management
Hancock Enterprises
Havre Answering Service
Havre Pipeline Company
Hawk I'm Your Sister
Heggem Ranch
Helena Orthopedic Clinic
Hicks & Sons Inc
Hill County Electric Cooperative Inc
IEF 3 & 4 Even Corp
Inside Energy
Integrated Planning Services
IX Ranch Co
J B Brown Operating Co
J Sugar Company Inc
Jireh Consulting Services
Joe Klabzuba Partnership
John's Shuttle Service
Johnson Ranch
Joy Global Inc
Judith River Farm
Kaiser Francis Oil
Kilroy Company of Texas Inc
Kinney Consulting Services LLC
Klabzuba Oil & Gas Inc
L S Adventures
Laneer Res LTD
Lanning Family Trust
LBR Ranch Inc
Leave No Trace Inc
Lewis & Clark Canoe Expeditions
Lewis & Clark Trail Adventures
Lewistown News-Argus
Little Rockies Outfitting
Lost Creek Outfitting
M & E Outfitters
Macmillan Judith River Ranch
Macum Energy Inc
Magic Cir Energy Corp
Main Energy Inc
Marks Oil Inc
Matador Ranch
McLaughlin Insurance Services
McNamara Family LTD Partnership
MDU Resources Group Inc
Mid-Rivers Telephone Coop Inc
Milk River Outfitters
Missouri Breaks River Company
Missouri River Canoe Co

Mitchell Ranch
 Montana Breaks Outfitting
 Montana Guide Service
 Montana Hunt and Fish Inc
 Montana Oil Journal
 Montana Prairie Adventures
 Montana Ranchers Hunts
 Montana River Outfitters
 Montana Wilderness Outfitters
 Morgan Expl LLC
 Morrison-Maierle
 N Hanging 5 Ranch
 Natural Gas Week
 Nevada Power Company
 Nichols Oil Company
 North Wind Environmental
 Northern Rockies Outfitter
 Ocean Energy Resources Inc
 Orr Family Trust
 Our Montana Inc
 P Brian Rogers MD Inc PS
 Paul Mirski and Associates
 Permits West Inc
 Peterson Ranch & Feed Lot
 PIC Technologies Inc
 Pinwheel J Ranch
 Pioneer Lodge
 Pitot OGLLC
 PN Ranch
 Portage Environmental
 Practiceworks Inc
 Prairie Kraft Specialties
 Public Lands Access Assn Inc
 Public Lands News
 Range Watershed Restor Foresters
 Redbone Outfitters
 Redrock Drilling
 River Odysseys West
 Sand Creek Ranch
 Sandtana Inc
 Saroc Inc
 Sawtooth Oil Company
 Schneider G OG LLC
 Smiling Gulch Ranch
 Starwest Adventures
 Swca Environmental Consultants
 Tetra Tech Inc
 Texaco
 Textana USA
 Timco Investments Inc
 T-K Production Company
 Toklan OG Corporation
 Triangle Telephone Cooperative
 Two Calf Company
 Ugrin Alexander Zadick & Higgins PC
 Unit Petroleum Company
 Upper Missouri River Guides

Upper Missouri River Keelboat Co
 Virgelle Valley Ranch Inc
 Virgelle Ventures
 Western Star Realty Inc
 Whiskey Ridge Lodge Inc
 Whiskey Ridge Outfitters
 White Cliff Tours
 Wickens Outfitting
 Wild Rockies Tours
 Wilderness Inquiry
 Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline
 Wolf Spirit Expeditions
 Wood River Ranch

Organizations

Acoustic Ecology Institute
 Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association
 Alliance for the Wild Rockies
 American Assn State Geologists
 American Bird Conservancy
 American Birding Association
 American Farm Bureau
 American Fisheries Society
 American Forest and Paper Association
 American Hiking Association
 American Horse Protection Association
 American Motorcyclist Assoc
 American Petroleum Institute
 American Recreation Coalition
 American Rivers
 American Sheep Industry Association
 American Sportfishing Association
 American Trails
 American Wildlands
 American Wind Energy Association
 Association for the Preserv of American Wild-Lands
 Audubon Society
 Backcountry Horsemen
 Beartooth Fat Tire Society
 Big Sandy Conservation District
 Bikenet
 Blue Ribbon Coalition
 Bolle Center for People & Forests
 Boone and Crockett Club
 Bowhunting Preservation Alliance
 Brazos Valley MTB Assoc
 Capital Trail Bike Riders
 Capital Trail Vehicle Association
 Cascade County 4-Wheelers
 Center for Biological Diversity
 Central Montana Resource Advisory Council
 Central Montana Trail Users
 Central Montana Wildlands Association
 Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Forum
 Comm for Access to Public Lands/Handicapped
 Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation

Defenders of Wildlife
 Ducks Unlimited
 Earth Justice Legal Defense Fund
 Ecosystems Alert (HOTA)
 Edison Electric Institute
 Flathead Wildlife Inc
 Forest Policy Center
 Fort Benton Chamber of Commerce
 Fort Benton Economic Dev Comm
 Foundation for North American Wild Sheep
 Friends of the Missouri Breaks Monument
 Gallatin Wildlife Association
 Garden Club of America
 Geothermal Energy Association
 Geothermal Resource Council
 Great Divide Cycling Team
 Great Falls Chamber of Commerce
 Great Northern Outdoor Club
 Greater Yellowstone Coalition
 Havre Chamber of Commerce
 Havre Rifle and Pistol Club
 Helena Bicycle Club
 Howard County Bird Club
 Humane Society of the United States
 Hunters Anglers Assn
 Independent Petroleum Assn of Mtn States
 Indian Butte Cooperative State Grazing District
 International Assn of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
 International Mountain Bicycling Association
 Interstate Mining Compact Commission
 Interstate Natural Gas Association of America
 Izaak Walton League
 Last Chance Audubon Society
 Lewistown Chamber of Commerce
 Low Impact Mtn Bicyclists of Missoula
 Magic City 4-Wheelers
 Malta Chamber of Commerce
 Malta Trap Club
 Medicine River Canoe Club
 Mineral Policy Center
 Missouri River Cons Dist Council
 Missouri River Stewards
 Montana 4 X 4 Association
 Montana Agricultural Center & Museum
 Montana Agriculture Development Council
 Montana Association of Counties
 Montana Audubon
 Montana Big Open Inc
 Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation
 Montana Bowhunters Assn
 Montana Chamber of Commerce
 Montana Chapter the Wildlife Society
 Montana Ecosystems Defense Council
 Montana Environmental Information Center
 Montana Farm Bureau
 Montana Farmers Union
 Montana Geological Society

Montana Horseshoe Outfitters
 Montana Native Plant Society- Clark Fk Chptr
 Montana Night Riders
 Montana Outfitters & Guides Assn
 Montana Petroleum Association
 Montana Pilots Association
 Montana River Action Network
 Montana Seaplane Pilots Association
 Montana Trail Vehicle Riders Assn
 Montana Trails Association
 Montana Trappers Association
 Montana Trout Unlimited
 Montana Wilderness Association
 Montana Wildlife Federation
 Montana Woolgrowers Assn
 Montanans for Multiple Use
 Mountain States Legal Foundation
 Mule Deer Foundation
 National Assn of Conservation Districts
 National Association of Counties
 National Audubon Society
 National Cattlemen's Beef Assn
 National Conf State Hist Preservation Officers
 National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
 National Mining Association
 National OHV Conservation Council
 National Parks Conservation Assn
 National Rifle Assn of America
 National Shooting Sports Foundation
 National Trust for Historic Preservation
 National Wild Turkey Federation
 National Wildlife Federation
 Natural Resource Defense Council
 Nature Conservancy
 North American Grouse Partnership
 North Blaine Co Cooperative State Grazing District
 Northern Montana Oil & Gas Assn
 Northern Plains Resource Council
 Northwest Mining Association
 Orion the Hunters Institute
 Our Montana Inc
 Outdoor Industry Association
 Peregrine Fund
 Pheasants Forever
 Phillco Economic Growth Council
 Plains Crazy Road & Trail Club
 Political Economy Research Center
 Pope and Young Club
 Predator Conservation Alliance
 Private Lands/Public Wildlife Council
 Public Employees for Env Responsibility
 Public Interest Research Group
 Public Lands Access Assn
 Public Lands Council and Grazing Districts
 Public Lands Foundation
 Quail Unlimited
 Rails to Trails

Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation
 Republicans for Environmental Protection
 River and Plains Society
 Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
 Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation
 Ruffed Grouse Society
 Russell Country Sportsmen's Association
 Sci - First for Hunters
 Sierra Club
 Skytruth
 Snowy Mountain Development Corp
 Society for American Archaeology
 Society for Range Management
 Society of American Foresters
 Square Butte Grazing Association
 St Joseph's Church
 Surgical Associates of Spartanburg, PA.
 Swan View Coalition
 The Ecology Center
 The Wilderness Society

Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership
 Tread Lightly Inc
 Trout Unlimited - Westslope Chapter
 Upper Missouri Trust
 Walleyes Unlimited of Montana
 Western Electricity Coordinating Council
 Western Governors' Association
 Western States Land Commissioners Assn
 Western Utility Group
 Wild Canid Research Group
 Wild Rockies Field Institute
 Wilderness Watch
 Wildlands CPR
 Wildlife Habitat Enhancement Council
 Wildlife Management Institute
 Wildlife Society
 Yellowstone River Parks Assoc
 Yellowstone Valley Audubon
 Yellowstone Valley Cycling Club

List of Preparers

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Years of Experience	5
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Professional Discipline	Petroleum Engineer
Years of Experience	22
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Professional Discipline	Forestry Technician/Data Administrator
Years of Experience	25
Responsibility	Database Management
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Years of Experience	6
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Years of Experience	22
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Professional Discipline	Forester
Years of Experience	20
Responsibility	Forestry
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Years of Experience	14
Responsibility	Wilderness Study Areas and Upland SRPs
Gary Smith	
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Professional Discipline	Archeologist
Years of Experience	20
Responsibility	Cultural Resources
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Professional Discipline	Soil Scientist
Years of Experience	2
Responsibility	Soils
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Professional Discipline	Outdoor Recreation Planner
Years of Experience	38
Responsibility	Access and Transportation

Interdisciplinary Team and Support

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